



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHAPLAIN, CAPTAIN JOHN C. CHOI

Chaplain, Captain John C. Choi is currently assigned as the Protestant Chaplain, 6 Air Mobility Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He is a co-pastor for the 1100 Contemporary Service. He assists the Wing Chaplain in the planning, administration and execution of a comprehensive chapel program tailored to the religious, moral, and spiritual needs of the local chapel and base communities. He serves as a unit chaplain to the 6 Operations Group and 6 Maintenance Group. He also plans and directs various other ministries and projects.



Chaplain Choi began his military service as an enlisted in the US Army in August 1985. After completing his Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he completed his Advanced Individual Training in Personnel Administration Specialist course at Fort Harrison, Indiana. He had completed two overseas tour with the US Army; two-year tour in Schwetzingen (1st Personnel Command), Germany and one-year tour in Yongsan (8th Military Police Brigade), Seoul, Republic of Korea. In January 1989, he joined the Army Reserve unit in Fort Totten, Queens, New York. Ch Choi was commissioned in February 2007 and entered the active duty Air Force in March 2007. He has served over 15 years as a civilian pastor prior to becoming an Air Force Chaplain. He is endorsed by the United Methodist Church.

### EDUCATION

- 1992 Bachelor of Science in Business Management, St. John's University, Jamaica, NY
- 1997 Master of Divinity, Drew University Theological School, Madison, NJ
- 2007 Basic Chaplain Course, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2011 Squadron Officer School (Correspondence), Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2012 Squadron Officer School (In Residence), Maxwell AFB, AL

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. December 1985 – December 1987, Personnel Administration Specialist, 1st Personnel Command, Schwetzingen, Germany
2. January 1988 – January 1989, Personnel Administration Specialist, 8th Military Police Brigade, Yongsan, Seoul, Republic of Korea
3. January 1989 – May 1993, Personnel Administration Specialist, US Army Reserve, Fort Totten, NY
4. April 2007 – December 2009, Protestant Chaplain, 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, NC (January 2009 – July 2009, Assistant Chaplain, Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix, Camp Phoenix, Kabul, Afghanistan)
5. December 2009 – Present, Protestant Chaplain, 6th Air Mobility Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, FL (January 2011 – August 2011, Protestant Chaplain, 380 Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Dhafra AB, UAE)

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

Army Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short with one oak leaf cluster

Army Overseas Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle)

Air Force Training Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster

Army Service Ribbon

NATO Medal with one bronze star

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Captain                                      23 March 2007

(Current as of November 2012)